Peter Hutton called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved as written.
(Moved by Ron Speranzini, seconded by Paul Barret) CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting on May 19, 2010
The minutes were circulated by email for review prior to the meeting. Committee requested section 5. c) SWMMP Steering Committee is changed to include the word curbside.
The minutes were approved as amended.
(Moved by Jim Sweetman, seconded by Rose Killey) CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes
Membership declared that upon further review, there were not two applicants that might be considered to fill the vacant position. As such, the situation will remain as agreed, that is, the position will be left open for now.
(Moved by Jim Sweetman, seconded by Grant Ranalli) CARRIED

4. Administrative Items
Staff reminded committee that July’s meeting will be held at City Hall. Parking will continue to be provided at the Hamilton Convention Centre. The August meeting is cancelled for summer break.

A recommendation to change the composition of the Task Force will be placed on July’s Agenda. This item needs to come forward in order to have it approved by Council in September and ready for the fall WRTF elections.

5. Projects
a) Sub-Committee Updates

Education & Communication Sub-Committee

This committee had nothing new to report but raised Organics Diversion at schools as an item for discussion. It has been noted by the committee that diversion programs at Separate Schools will not be considered for expansion until 2012. Committee expressed their disappointment in having to wait so long since the Separate School board have been diligent in working with students to foster a diversion system which is in harmony with existing City of Hamilton recycling programs. Committee feels that they have been waiting patiently and would like to have the elementary schools set up for organics service in the fall (2010). Staff has explained that this is not possible at the moment since funding is not currently available and the Central Composting Facility is currently operating at capacity.

Multi-Residential, Commercial and Institutional Waste Sub-Committee

This committee had nothing to report.

Business and Government Liaison Sub-Committee

This committee had nothing to report.

b) Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee

Committee reported that the vacant position will not be filled until after the fall WRTF elections.

c) SWMMP Steering Committee

Jim Sweetman attended the SWMMP Steering Committee meeting on behalf of the WRTF. The Diversion Options – Street Sweepings, Drywall Recycling, Commercial Organics, and Reusable Diaper Promotion – were discussed. The four options would increase the diversion rate by about 9.4%. The overall additional costs would be in the order of $1.1 million: the avoided landfill costs equate to approximately $1.7 million.

It was noted that there is concern over the CCF operating at capacity which makes it difficult to extend organics service to commercial properties and schools. Options that could be considered to increase the capacity are a ban on grass clippings from any waste stream (grass currently makes up 15 - 30% of leaf and yard waste. Alternatively consideration could be given to remove one or both of the additional leaf and yard waste containers from the Green Cart program to create additional capacity at the CCF for source separated organics.

d) Clean City Liaison Committee (CCLC)

Committee mentioned that an announcement concerning the anti-graffiti campaign was taking place tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. at Benetto Recreation Centre. Police Services will now be assisting with the anti graffiti campaign.

e) Ad-hoc Recycling Review Sub-Committee

Apologies were forthcoming as the Sub-Committee was unable to finalize this report and requested that the presentation be postponed until the July meeting.

f) Ad-hoc Festival and Special Event Recycling Committee

This committee had nothing to report.

6. Operations

a) One Container Limit Update

Staff reported that during the week of May 17th only 478 bags were tagged as Over the Limit (OTL). This is significantly down from the 2,800 properties tagged during the first week of the One
Container Limit. Compliance is 99.6%. Illegal dumping remains at historic levels. There has not been a noticeable spike in illegal dumping. Staff was asked if there had been a spike in recycling and responded that thus far there have not been any evident increases.

b) Gold Box Program
Staff explained that a new Gold Box program was launched in May. Two hundred gold boxes are being distributed daily with 1,600 gold boxes being delivered to residents so far. The program is on target to deliver 1,000 gold boxes per week and 10,000 Gold Boxes by the end of August. The intent is to reward good performance and make the program more visible. The assessment now consists of staff visually assessing what a resident has placed curbside for collection and making a judgment based on capture and contamination. If both look good, a Gold Box will be awarded with a letter explaining the Gold Box program and instructions to register online for a monetary draw. 90 - 95% of residents receiving gold boxes are logging on to register for the draw and finding out more about recycling programs.

c) SWMMP Review Timeline
Staff reported that the evaluation has been finalized and that the project has been awarded to Trow Associates Incorporated. Public consultation will commence in September and continue until the spring after which time a staff report will be prepared. Staff is targeting presentation of the report to Council before the end 2011. An introductory presentation will be given by Trow at the July WRTF meeting.

7. Public Discussion
There was no public discussion.

8. Other Business
There was no other business.

9. Group Discussion
WRTF members remained for a group discussion after the meeting adjourned.

10. Adjournment
There being no further business, the formal meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Staff left the meeting as WRTF members remained for a group discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at Hamilton City Hall.

(Moved by Jim Sweetman, seconded by Paula Hamilton that the meeting be adjourned.)
CARRIED

Copies to: All present
Regrets
SWMMP Waste Reduction Task Force Binder Distribution List
Gerry Davis, General Manager, Public Works Department
Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee c/o Craig Murdoch, Operations & Waste Management Division
City Clerks Division, c/o Carolyn Biggs, Lisa Barroso